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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Penetration of KIPPER by the East German  
Security Service (Stasi)

1. The West German authorities recently arrested thirteen persons on charges of espionage for the Stasi. Among the persons arrested were two KIPPER staff members. One of these, Ulrich ALBERT, was deputy chief of a KIPPER field base in the Karlsruhe area. The other, Robert KARSTEN, was a case officer with the KIPPER field base in Ansbach.

2. The case developed as a result of the revelations of a certain Robert Beyer WILHELM, aka WILHELM, former Stasi agent who was arrested some months ago by West German authorities on old criminal charges. KIPPER has participated in the case from the outset. Full results of the investigations following the arrests are not yet available; however, we are informed that at this point the case against the two KIPPERites sounds convincing. Examinations of file copies of reports in ALBERT's possession at the time of his arrest tend to indicate that, in addition to KIPPER and the Stasi, ALBERT had a third employer. German authorities feel there are indications that this third employer could be an American agency. We have no evidence to support such a theory.

3. The implication of Ulrich ALBERT is believed to tie onto a previous security case which KIPPER has been investigating for more than a year. This case concerned the accidental discovery in the Stuttgart area of a dead letter drop containing a microfilm report on KIPPER presumably intended for an Eastern intelligence service. The content of the report was such as to lead KIPPER to the conclusion that it might have been written by someone in a high position in the Karlsruhe field base where ALBERT was serving as deputy. On the other hand, the case had certain other features which suggested that it was a prosecution attempt against KIPPER. The latter theory now seems to have been disproved by the current investigation which appears to provide clarification of this older case.

4. According to WILHELM's testimony the following additional persons against whom no action has as yet been taken are in contact with the Stasi or the KIPPER:

a. A female Russian emigrant who is employed as a language instructor in the U. S. Army intelligence school at Chammesungen, Germany.

b. A male Russian emigrant truck driver in the same school who previously provided WILHELM with information on the course of instruction in the school.

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(Gen. C. [Signature] Pallas)

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a. A female employee in an unopened department had a  
b. An American soldier with GDS is hospitalized.  
c. The credibility of the above allegation is now  
d. In this case, there is the statement of certain persons

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